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SUBJECT: OIL DEVELOPMENTS IN BASRA AREA

1. GENERAL MANAGER OF FASRA PETROLEUM COMPANY ALAN GILLAM TOLD ME SEPT 15 THAT BPC EXPANSION PROGRAM PROCEEDING FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH CONTINUED COOPERATION OF INOC AND LOCAL OFFICIALS.

GILLAM THOUGH BOTH INOC AND OFFICIALS HAD SEEN ENOUGH OF EASTERN EUROPEANS AND WERE LOOKING FORWARD EXPANSION WESTERN PRESENCE IN BASRA. HE SAID THERE ARE NOW 1200 CZECHS WORKING ON BASRA REFINERY AND IT STILL ABOUT TWO YEARS BEHIND SCHEDULE. WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL BE GOOD SOLID REFINERY OF MID-1930'S VINTAGE.

2. GILLAM SAID, BECHTEL, WHICH HAS CONTRACT FOR BPC'S ZUBAIR-GAO PIPELINE, WILL SOON BRING IN 50 AMERICANS AND 20 ARGENTINES

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TO DO CONSTRUCTION. NEXT MAJOR BPC CONTRACT WILL BE FOR 4TH

PIER AT KHOR AL-AMYA AND SEALINE FROM FAO. THIRD PIER, WHICH NOT PART OF CURRENT EXPANSION PROGRAM, WAS INAUGURATED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. INOC WAS MIGHTLY IMPRESSED BY SPEED WITH WHICH JOB ACCOMPLISHED BY SANTE FE WHICH HAD BUILT PIER IN KUWAIT AND TRANSPORTED IT TO KHOR AL-AMAYA. BPC TERMINAL CAN NOW TAKE TANKERS UP TO 330,000 DWT BUT CAN ONLY LOAD THEM TO 250,000.

3. AMONG AMERICAN FIRMS BIDDING ON 20 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR FOURTH PIER AND SEALINE ARE BROWN AND ROOT, SANTE FE, AND MCDERMOTT.
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